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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PDEV, NI

SUBJECT: CONSPIRACY EXPLANATION OF STUDENT DISORDERS

1. WAZIRI OF KATSINA TOLD PO LAST NIGHT THAT KADUNA MILITARY GOVERNOR MOHAMMED THIS WEEK HELD INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH "LEADERS OF THOUGHT", LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL CHAIRMEN AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS. GOVERNOR URGED ALL TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT CALM PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AT MEETING WHICH WAZIRI ATTENDED MOHAMMED CLEARLY INDICATED THAT FMG STILL HOLDING TO LINE THAT STUDENTS WERE MANIPULATED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO WISHED BRING DOWN PRESENT FMG. TWO GROUPS WERE ALLUDED TO--FIRST WANTS MILITARY OUT NOW, SECOND WANTS DIFFERENT MILITARY REGIME WHICH WOULD CANCEL PROGRAM FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN 1979. CONVERSATION WAS UNFORTUNATELY INTERRUPTED BY ARRIVAL OF THIRD PARTY BEFORE WHOM WE DID NOT WISH CONTINUE; WAZIRI AND I BOTH HAD OTHER ENGAGEMENTS AND WERE THUS UNABLE COMPLETE DISCUSSION.

2. COMMENT: FMG APPEARS DETERMINED PUSH CONSPIRACY THEORY DESPITE SCEPTICISM HERE AND FEELING THAT
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GOVERNMENT SIMPLY TRYING FIND CONVENIENT SCAPEGOAT. PRESUME MILITARY GOVERNORS IN OTHER STATES HOLDING SIMILAR MEETINGS WHICH WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATION THAT DODAN BARRACKS AWARE FMG IS IN TROUBLE AND ATTEMPTING COOL SITUATION DOWN.
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